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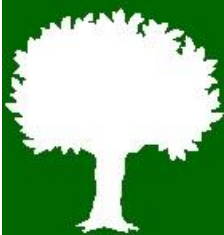
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Headteacher's Update:

Dear families,

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been here at The Russell. June is International Pride month – a time to celebrate the right to live and love. We have also talked a lot in school about being proud of ourselves and our accomplishments and being proud of our community and right now, I couldn't be prouder to be part of The Russell School.

On Saturday 7th June, our Year 5 children represented the School at the Ham Fair. They performed the Maypole Dance with energy and precision. A special mention must go to one of our former pupils who stepped in to support the dancers as we were one-short. I won't name her as I don't want to embarrass her, but it was testament to that sense of community and belonging that is so special here at The Russell.

Last week's International Week culminated in a celebration of song, food and families. If you are waiting in the Reception area, please do look at our ever-growing scrapbook, showcasing the diversity of culture and language across our community.

Last Friday, 14th June, we held our first *Russell Rocks* – and what a fantastic and successful event it was! The talent which was showcased, shared and enjoyed was truly remarkable – not just children, but families, friends, staff and former pupils. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas and staff who orchestrated the event (pun intended...) A huge thanks also to the Year 5 PTA team for pulling such a successful event together and a huge thank you to our Grey Court colleagues and students for giving us their expertise. I have to mention the talent of our parent community. It was so wonderful to have so many musical parents supporting their own children, other children and each other. I must give an extra special thanks to a member of our parent community, Mr Meybodi, proprietor of Diba restaurants, who donated the delicious food we all enjoyed. Your generosity is so appreciated.

We still have many more events coming up, so do check the dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

On a less celebratory note, it has been brought to my attention that members of The Russell Community are continuing to use the car park, at times driving recklessly and at times driving up to the entrance to The Strathmore car park. This is making the area unsafe for children in both schools and it must stop.

Ending on a sunnier note, it looks like summer may be finally making an appearance so please remember to apply sunscreen to your children and provide a sun hat to keep them safe.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Brooks

PRIDE IN OUR CHILDREN – SOME PERFORMERS OF NOTE!



Josh Garcia (Yr 6) has secured a much-coveted place at the prestigious Sylvia Young Theatre school and he will start his full-time training there in September. Approximately one in every hundred children who apply are offered a place. He will also be represented by their agency. Josh is a talented and committed performer; he took the role of MC at our Russell Rocks event and he will soon be appearing in Puccini's *Edgar* at the *Opera Holland Park*.



Alys, Yr 1, took part in her dance school's showcase event at Sadlers Wells Theatre last weekend. Alice attends the MV Academy of Performing Arts. Not only did she take to the stage, but she was also awarded an engraved trophy, for her outstanding work ethic.

PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY – SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!



Our Year 5 children in action at The Ham Fair on Saturday 8th June. They represented our school and we couldn't be more proud!



Just a couple of highlights from *Russell Rocks*. A celebration of a love of music, shared by the whole community. With a special mention for Cameron, Yr 4, who didn't let a broken arm get in the way of taking part!

PRIDE IN OUR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS.

We have had a very busy sporting month so far.

Borough Sports 5th June

Year 5 took part in the Borough Sports at St Mary's University Twickenham on 5th June. They did very well and there were many individual achievements, including Chester winning a medal for his overall scores in jumping, running and throwing.



Boys Football v Holy Trinity 18th June

We arranged a friendly match to give some of our children a chance to play competitively. The match ended in a 0-0 draw but was a great game played in good spirits.



Year 5/6 Tennis Monday 17th June

A team from Year 5/6-Aneya, Harris, Rylee and Yashi took part in a tennis competition at Grey Court on Monday. They played really well and ended up in 3rd place overall.



Hockey Tournament 19th June – written by meWai Sze, Mateo and Wallis, Yr 6

On 19th of June, the Year 6 hockey team went to Chiswick to play against 9 other teams. We arrived at 9:30 and were divided into two teams (Russell 1 and Russell 2). Both teams did an amazing job and one Russell team made it to the semi-finals and came 3rd in the whole tournament! Well done Year 6 hockey team!

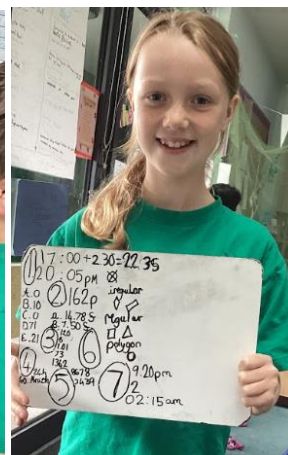
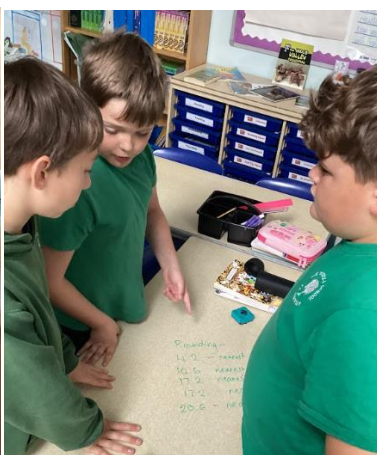
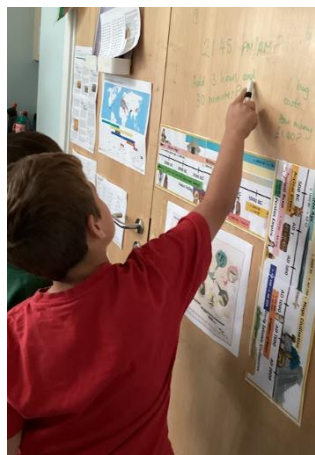


PRIDE IN OUR LEARNING.

The Nursery children have been enjoying the sunshine and exploring the garden finding many minibeasts, especially caterpillars! They have been thinking about how to keep them alive and safe. In cooking we have been talking about foods that keep us healthy and this week we made fruit ice lollies using yogurt, honey and fruit. They were delicious and we enjoyed eating them outside in the sunshine. We have been playing lots of turn taking games. During International Week we really enjoyed tasting lots of different foods and dressing up in our colours or traditional costumes. Some of the children moving up to Reception in September have been visiting their new classroom each day to explore and play for a short time.



Jenner class have been very busy over this last fortnight, from researching religious charities in RE lessons to writing historical narratives. The children also completed group work in maths where they solved different maths problems around the classroom. During International Week, the children performed *Bella Ciao* in an enthusiastic and positive tone.



Year Five have had a fun couple of weeks already! Testing centripetal forces to ensure we don't get wet, and investigating the pull of gravity on a pendulum. We have been working collaboratively to plan, design and market our own theme park. We have written some roller-coaster calligrams and have been using our persuasive writing skills to argue the pros and cons of homework! Sadly, I'm not sure we've managed to persuade everyone of the benefits of doing homework just yet!





PETERSHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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**SATURDAY
29th JUNE 2024
1:30 to 4:30 pm**



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NOTICEBOARD

28.6.24	Reception Class Assembly 9.00am
29.6.24	Ham and Petersham Horticultural Show
1.7.24	Richmond Secondary Schools' transition day
2.7.24	Bikeability training week Yr 6
4.7.24	EYFS trip Kew
5.7.24	Summer Fair
12.7.24	Sports Day
24.7.24	Final Day of Term

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.

Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.

Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!